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# Day-Fatality:

OR, SOME

## OBSERVATIONS

OF

### Days Lucky and Unlucky.

Penn'd and Publish'd whil'st His Present MAJESTY,  
The Most Serene KING,

# JAMES II.

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## DUKE of YORK,

Persecuted by the *Excluding Party*, and Retir'd into the *Low-Countries*.

Prefaging many Great Things, some whereof are wonderfully come  
to Pass; and particularly made Good, in *His Peaceable Inthronization*,  
and *His Speedy Quashing* Two notable Rebellions, (headed by Two Persons, Eminent  
for Military Conduct, One in *England*, the Other in *Scotland*).

*And by WHOM Greater Things are yet to be done.*

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*Illi Pax Comes est. Comes aut Victoria leta.*

Peace is His Mate: Or, if War chance to come,  
It's His good Fate, His Foes to Over-come.

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The Second Impression, with Large Additions.

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To which is Added,

*Prince-Protecting-Providences,*

AND

## The SWANS WELCOME.

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All Written by an Officer at Arms, Author of a Book, Entituled,  
*Introductio ad Latinam Blasoniam, &c.*

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# THE P R E F A C E.

**I**N the ensuing *Treatise*, (Pag. 10.) I inform my Reader, how Lucky the **Fourteenth** of **October** hath been to the Princes of England: And observing out of *Wharton's Gesta Britannorum*, and the *Collections* of Others, That His late Royal Highness (our Present *Magnanimous, Magnificent Sovereign*) was also Born upon that *Augural Day*; it made more than ordinary Impression upon me: So that I never saw him, but, I thought, in his very Face there were extraordinary *Indices*, and Tokens of Regality.

But when after his Receis into *Holland*, Those (whom I Prophetically Characteris'd, Pag. 165. of my *Introductio ad Latinam Blasoniam*) exceedingly Tryumphed, wishing he might never return; nay, that he durst not, nor would be permitted so to do; using moreover opprobrious Terms: Indignation made me Print my ensuing Sentiments. Which, though derided by *Rome's Pacquet*, and the People of that Leven; yet (among the Better, and more Loyal Sort) found good Acceptance: As will appear in the next Page, by a Letter sent me from an Honourable and Learned Knight.

Things by me forethought, and publickly hinted, being come to pass, my **Day-Fatality** began to be remembred: And One (whom I wish very well) desiring I would give him Leave to Re-print That, and Two other of my small Pieces together, I assented to his Request.

I will Conclude this *Preface*, with the following Metrical Demonstration of my Loyal Well-Wishes:

*Authoris Votivum pro Rege JACOBO Cermen  
Aureus avulso Primo non deficit alter.*

Æn. lib. 6

*Constans Corde; piusq; Anima; frugi; Generosus;  
Qui facturus erit ditia Regna; Regit.  
Huic esto in Terris. Felix diuturna Corona;  
Æterna in Cœlis, altera detur ei.  
Oremus Tanto ne desit Mascula Regi  
Proles. Eximij quæ sit imago Patris.  
Ejus posteritas sit in omne Volubilis ævum:  
Sit Regum Series, stirps sine fine, sua.*

## *The Preface.*

Thus Translated, and the Quotation of *Virgil* brought in to accompany the rest :

*One's gone, Another comes, (welcom to All!)  
Resolv'd and Pious; Frugal; Liberal;  
Whose Conduct make His Kingdoms flourish all. }  
Oh! May His Earthly Crown full long endure,  
Before He of His Heavenly Crown be sure.  
Let's pray, So great a KING may live to see  
A Son, who may his Father's Medal be.  
Oh! May Great JAMES His Race for ever live,  
And never fail a List of KINGS to give.*

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## *A Letter from Sir Winston Churchil, Knight; Father to the Right Honourable, John Lord Churchil.*

**I** Thank you for your kind Present, the Observation of the Fatality of Days. I have made great Experience of the Truth of it; and have set down Fryday, as my own Lucky Day; the Day on which I was Born, Christ'ned, Married, and, I believe, will be the Day of my Death: The Day whereon I have had sundry Deliverances, (too long to relate) from Perils by Sea and Land, Perils by False Brethren, Perils of Law-Suits, &c. I was Knighted (by chance, unexpected by my self) on the same Day; and have several good Accidents happened to me, on that Day: And am so superstitious in the Belief of its good Omen, That I chuse to begin any Considerable Action (that concerns me) on the same Day. I hope HE, whom it most concerns, will live to own your Respect, and Good Wishes, express'd in That Essay of yours: Which discovering a more than common Affection to the DUKE, and being as valuable for the Singularity of the Subject, as the Ingenuity of your Fancy, I sent in to Flanders, as soon as I had it; That They on the Other Side the Water may see, 'Tis not all soure Wine, that runs from our English Press.

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CONCLUDING  
With some Remarks upon the Fourteenth of *October*,  
The *Auspicious Birth-Day* of His Royal Highness,  
**JAMES Duke of York**

*Atavis qui Regibus editus,*  
*Augustissimo CAROLO Proximus.*  
NUM. XXVII. 8, 9.

LUC. XIX. 42.  
*In Hoc Die Tu.* In This Thy Day.



HAT there be Good and Evil Days and Times, not only the Sacred Scriptures, but Prophane Authors mention; See 1 *Sam.* 25. 8. *Ester* 8. 17. and 9. 19, 22. *Ecclus* 14. 14.

The Fourteenth Day of the First Month was a memorable and blessed Day amongst the Children of *Israel*: See *Exod.* 12. 18, 40, 41, 42, 51. and 13. 4. *Levit.* 23. 5. *Numb.* 28. 16. Four hundred and thirty Years being expired of their Dwelling in *Egypt*, even in the self-same Day departed they thence.

A thing somewhat parallel to this, we read in the *Roman Histories*; That that very Day four years that the Civil Wars were begun by *Pompey* the Father, *Cesar* made an end of them with his Sons; *Cneus Pompeius* being then slain, and it being also the last Battle *Cesar* was ever in. *Heylyn in the Kingdom of Corduba.*]

Our *Historians* tells us, That *Normandy* was Conquer'd from Duke *Robert* by *Henry* the First, that Day forty Years the *Normans* had won *England*: (A remarkable Retaliation!) *Anglia Nomandia par retulit*; *England* paid *Normandy* in its own Coyn. *Burtou's Historical Remarks.*

The Calendar to *Ovid's Fastorum* says, *Aprilis erat mensis Gracis Auspicatissimus*, a most Auspicious Month to the *Gracians*.

As to Evil Dayes and Times, see *Amos* 5. 13. and 6. 3. *Eccles.* 9. 12. *Psalms* 37. 19. *Obad.* 12. *Jer.* 46. 21. And *Job* hints it, in curling his Birth-day, *Cap.* 3. v. 1. to 11. See *Weaver*, p. 458. The old Rhimes concerning the Scots:

*Erly in a Mornening,  
In an Evil Tyming,  
Went they from Duubarre.*

*Horace*, lib. 2. Ode 13. curling the Tree that had like to have fallen upon him, says, *Ille nefasto te posuit duc*; intimating, that it was planted in an Unlucky Day.

The *Romans* counted *Febr. 13th.* an unlucky Day, and therefore then never attempted any Business of Importance; for on that Day they were overthrown at *Allia* by the *Gauls*; and the *Fabii*, attacking the City of the *Vei*, were all slain, save one. *Heylyn* speaking of *St. Peter's Patrimony*.] And see the *Calendar* annex to *Ovid's Fastorum*, as to the last Circumstance.

The *Jews* counted *August Tenth*, an Unfortunate Day; for on that Day the Temple was destroyed by *Titus* the Son of *Vespasian*: On which Day also, the first Temple was consumed with Fire by *Nebuchadnezzar*. *Heylyn*.] The *Treasury of the Times* says, The Eighth of *Lyon* (*August*) the very same Day 679. Years, one after another.

And not only among the *Romans* and *Jews*, but also among the *Christians*, a like Custom of observing such Days is used, especially *Childermas* or *Innocents-day*. *Comines* tells us, That *Lewis XI.* used not to debate any Matter, but accounted it a sign of great Misfortune towards him, if any Man communed with him of his affairs; and would be very angry with those about him, if they troubled him in any matter whatsoever upon this Day.

But I will descend to more particular Instances of Lucky and Unlucky Days.

Upon the Sixth of *April*, *Alexander the Great* was born: Upon the same day he Conquered *Darius*, won a great Victory at Sea, and died the same Day.

Neither was this Day less fortunate to his Father *Philip*; for on the same he took *Potidea*; *Pammenio* his General gave a great Overthrow to the *Illyrians*; and his Horse was Victor at the *Olympick Games*. Therefore his Prophets foretold to him, *Filium cuius natalis*, &c. That a Son whose Birth-day was accompanied with Three Victories, should prove Invincible. *Pezelius* in *Melissio Historico*.

Upon the Thirtieth of *September*, *Pompey the Great* was born: Upon that Day he Triumphed for his *Asian Conquest*; and on that Day he died.

The Nineteenth of *August* was the Day of *Augustus* his Adoption: On the same Day he began his Consulship: He Conquer'd the *Triumviri*; and on the same Day he died. Hitherto out of the *Memoirs of K. Charles I.* *Heros*.

If *Solomon* counts the Day of ones Death better than the Day of ones Birth, there can be no Objection, why that also may not be numbred amongst ones Remarkable and Happy Days: And therefore I will insert here, That the Eleventh of *February* was the Noted Day of *Elizabeth*, Wife to *Henry VII.* who was born and died that Day. *Weaver*, p. 476. Brook in *Hen. VII. Marriage*. Stow in *Anno* 1466. 1503.

*Bassianus Caracalla*, the Emperor, was Born the Sixth of *April*, and Died the same Day; as says the French Author of the *Journal History*.

*Henry the Cardinal*, King of *Portugal*, Died 1580. the last of *January*; upon which Day he also was Born Sixty eight Years before. *Histoire Genealogique de la Maison de France*.

So Saint *Louis* of *Sicily*, died upon the Nineteenth of *August*, the Anniversary-Day of his Birth: A Man memorable for his Extraordinary Virtue and Piety; for he forsook the Infallible Succession to his Father's Crown, and the Marriage of the Fair Princess of *Majorque*, for a Cloyster.

As also, that the Twenty third of *November* was the Observable Day of *Francis Duke of Lunenburg*; who was born on that Day, and died upon the same, 1549. as says the French Author of the *Journal History*; who adds, upon particular Remark, and observable Curiosity,

*Ipsa Dies vitam contulit ipsa necem.*  
The same Day Life did give,  
And made him cease to live.

Sir *Kenelm Digby*, that Renowned Knight, great Linguist, and Magazen of Arts, was born and died on the Eleventh of *June*; and also fought fortunately at *Scanderoon* the same Day. Hear his Epitaph, composed by Mr. *Farrar*, and recited in the afore-said *Memoires*:

*Under this Stone the Matchless Digby lies,  
Digby the Great, the Valiant, and the Wise:  
Tis Ages Wonder, for his Noble Parts;  
Skill'd in Six Tongues, and learn'd in All the Arts.  
Born on the Day he died, th' Eleventh of June,  
On which he bravely fought at Scanderoon.  
'Tis rare, that one and self-same Day should be  
His Day of Birth, of Death, of Victory.*

I had a Maternal Uncle, that died the Third of *March* last, 1678. which was the Anniversary-day of his Birth: And (which is a Truth exceeding strange) many Years ago he fore-told, the Day of his Death to be that of his Birth; and he also averred the same but about a Week before his Departure. This Third of *March* is the Day of *St. Eutropius*, (of which hereafter.) And as to my Uncle, it was significative; it turn'd well to him, according to that of *Rev. 14. 13. Blessed are the Dead, &c.* and that of *Ovid, Metam. lib. 3.*

—————*Diciq; beatus*  
*Ante obitum nemo supremaq; Funera debet.*  
—————None happy call,  
Before their Death, and final Funeral.

The Sixth of *January* was five times auspicious to *Charles Duke of Anjou. Ibid. in the Life of the Earl of Sunderland.*

The Twenty fourth of *February* was happy to *Charles the Fifth* four times. *Ibid.] Heylyn* speaking of the Temple of *Jerusalem*, hints Three of these Four: His Birth: His taking of *Francis King of France*, Prisoner: His receiving the Imperial Crown at *Bononia*. And so doth also the *Journal History* before-mentioned.

Of the Family of the *Trevors*, Six successive Principal Branches have been Born the Sixth of *July*. Same *Memoirs*.

Sir *Humphrey Davenport* was born the Seventh of *July*; and on that Day Anniversary, his Father and Mother died, within a quarter of an Hour one of another. Same *Memoirs*.

*Henry Earl of Northumberland*, Convicted in *Star-Chamber* to have favoured the Design of the Fifth of *November*, died on the Fifth of *November*, some Years after: His Son, *Algernoon, Earl of Northumberland*, (Baptized the Thirteenth of *October*, 1602.) died the same Day, 1668.

I have seen an Old *Romish MSS. Prayer-Book*, (and shewed the same to that general Scholar, and great Astrologer, *E. Ashmole, Esq;*) at the Beginning whereof was a *Calendar*, wherein were inserted the Unlucky Days of each Month, set out in Verse. I will recite them just as they are, sometimes infringing the Rule of *Grammar*, sometimes of *Prosodia*; a matter, of which the old *Monkish Rhimers* were no ways scrupulous. It was as Antient as *Henry the Sixth*, or *Edward the Fourth's* Time.

January.	<i>Prima Dies mensis, &amp; septima truncat ut ensis.</i>
February.	<i>Quarta subit mortem, prostravit tertia fortem.</i>
March.	<i>Primus mandentem, disrumpit quarta bibentem.</i>
April.	<i>Denus &amp; undenus est mortis vulnere plenus.</i>
May.	<i>Tertius occidit, &amp; septimus ora * relidit.</i>
June.	<i>Denus pallefcit, quindenus fœdra nescit.</i>
July.	<i>Ter-decimus mactat, Julii denus labefactat.</i>
August.	<i>Prima necat fortem prostravit secunda cohortem.</i>
September.	<i>Tertia Septembris, &amp; denus fert mala membris.</i>
October.	<i>Tertius &amp; denus, est sicut mors alienus.</i>
November.	<i>Scorpius est quintus, &amp; tertius e nece cinctus.</i>
December.	<i>Septimus exanguis, virosus denus &amp; anguis.</i>

\*Ex re & lædo.

The Tenth Verse is intolerable, and might be mended thus :

*Tertia cum dena fit sicut mors aliena.*

If any object, and say, *Deni* is only the Plural ; I excuse my self by that admirable *Chronogram* upon King *Charles* the Martyr ;

*Ter deno, Jani, Luna, Rex (Sole cadente)  
Carolus exutus Solio, Sceptroq; secure.*

Neither will I have recourse for Refuge to that Old *Tetraſtich* ;

*Intrat Avaloniam duodena Caterua virorum  
Flos Arimathie Joſeph, &c.*

because I have even now blamed the Liberty of the Antient Rhymers.

He means by *Mors aliena*, some strange kind of Death ; though *Aliena* signifies *Strange* in quite another Sense, than here used.

I shall take particular Notice here of the Third of *November*, both because 'tis my own Birth-day, and also for that I have observed some remarkable Accidents to have happen'd thereupon.

*Constantinus* the Emperor, Son of *Constantine the Great*, little Inferiour to his Father, a worthy Warriour, and good Man, died the Third of *November*, *ex Veteri Calendario, penes me.*

*Thomas Mountacute*, Earl of *Salisbury*, that great Man, and famous Commander *sub Henry IV. V. and VI.* died this Day, by a Wound of Cannon-shot he received at the Siege of *Orleance*. *E MSS. quodam, & Glovero.*

So also Cardinal *Borromeo*, famous for his Sanctity of Life, and therefore Canonized, (*Heylyn*, in his *Præcognita*, says, *He made Milan memorable, by his Residence there*) died 1584. this Day, as *Posswinus* in his Life.

Sir *John Perot*, (*Stow* corruptly calls him *Parrat*) a Man very remarkable in his Time, Lord-Deputy of *Ireland*, Son to *Henry* the VIII. and extreemly like him, died in the Tower, the Third of *November*, 1592. (as *Stow* says.) Grief, and the Fatality of this Day, kill'd him. See *Nanton's Fragmenta Regalia*, concerning this Man.

*Stow*, in his *Annals*, says, Anno 1099. *November* the Third, as well in *Scotland* as *England*, the Sea broke in over the Banks of many Rivers, drowning divers Towns, and much People, with an innumerable Number of Oxen and Sheep ; at which time the Lands in *Kent*, sometimes belonging to Earl *Godwin*, were covered with Sands, and drowned ; and to this day are called, *Godwin's Sands*.

I had an Estate left me in *Kent*, of which between Thirty and Forty Acres was Marsh-Land, very conveniently flanking its Up-land ; and in those days this Marsh-land was usually Lett for Four Nobles an Acre. My Father died 1643. Within a Year and an half after his Decease, such Charges and Water-Scots came upon this Marsh-Land, by the Influence of the Sea, that it was never worth one Farthing to me ; but very often eat into the Rents of the Up-land. So that I often think, this Day being my Birth-day, hath the same Evil Influence upon me, that it had 530. Years since upon Earl *Godwin*, and others concerned in Low Lands.

The *Parliament* so fatal to *Romes* Concerns here, in *Henry* the Eighth's Time, begun the Third of *November*, (the Twenty Sixth of his Reign) : In which the *Pope*, with all his Authority, was clean banished the Realm ; he no more to be called otherwise, than *Bishop of Rome* : The *King* to be taken, and reputed as Supreme Head of the *Church of England* ; having full Authority to reform all Errors, Heresies, and Abuses of the same : Also, the First-Fruits, and Tenths of all Spiritual Promotions and Dignities, were granted to the *King*. See *Stow's Annals*, and *Weaver*, pag. 80.

Not long after which, followed the Visitation of Abbies, Priories, and Nunneries ; and after that, their final Suppression : This *Parliament* being the Door of Entrance thereto.

The Third of *November*, 1640. began that *Parliament* so direfully fatal to *England*, in its Peace, its Wealth, its Religion, its Gentry, Nobility, nay, its *King* : So verifying the former Verse of the *Calendar* ;

*Scorpius est quintus, & tertius e nece cinctus :*

A killing Day to some or other.

The Third of *September* was a Remarkable Day to the *English Attila*, *Oliver*, 1650. He



He obtained a Memorable Victory at *Dunbar*; another at *Worcester*, 1651. And that Day he died, 1658.

The first Two Occurrences wonderfully accord to the preceding Verse;

*Tertia Septembris, & denus fert mala membris.*

being fatal to the Two Members of *Great Britain, Scotland and England*. The Third, as happy to them both, as the same Day, 1666. was dismal and unhappy to the City of *London*, and consequently to the whole Kingdom; with its immediate preceding, and two succeeding Days, viz. the Second, Fourth, and Fifth of *September*.

Pope *Paul the Third*, confirm'd the latter Part of the Verse, when he advis'd his Son, *Peter Aloisa*, to beware of that Day: He neglecting it, was Murder'd, and cruelly dismember'd. *Sléidan in his Commentaries*; the *Nineteenth Book*.

I come now to the Days of the Week.

*Tuesday*, (*Dies Martis*) was a most Remarkable Day with *Thomas Becket*, Arch-bishop of *Canterbury*, as *Weaver* 201. observes from *Matt. Paris*: *Mars, secundum Poetas, Deus Belli nuncupatur. Vita Sancti Thomae (secundum illud Job, Vita hominis militia est super terram) tota fuit contra hostem bellicosa, &c.* *Mars*, according to the Poets, is called, *The God of War*. The Life of *St. Thomas* (according to that of *Job, The Life of Man is a Warfare upon Earth*) was a continual conflict against the Enemy. Upon the *Tuesday*, he suffered; upon *Tuesday*, he was translated; upon *Tuesday*, the Peers of the Land sate against him at *Northampton*; upon *Tuesday*, he was banished; upon *Tuesday*, the Lord appeared to him at *Pontinniac*, saying, *Thomas, Thomas, my Church shall be glorified in thy blood*; upon *Tuesday*, he returned from Exile; upon *Tuesday*, he got the Palm or Reward of Martyrdom; and upon *Tuesday*, 1220. his Venerable Body received the Glory and Renown of Translation, Fifty years after his Passion. Thus my Authors.

"One thing I make bold to gloss upon. His Translation is here mentioned twice.

"Note, This is no Tautology of the Historian; but the latter Paragraph is a more

"particular Recitation of the first, viz. Reference to the time when he was Transla-

"ted into the number of Saints and Martyrs: *Quando in Divorum numerum re-*

"latus, as *Cambden* phrases it in many places upon like Occasion.

*Wednesday* is said to have been the Fortunate Day of *Sixtus Quintus*, that Pope of Renowned Merit, that did so great and excellent things in the time of his Government. See *The Just weight of the Scarlet Robe*, pag. 101. his deserved Praises.] On a *Wednesday*, he was born; on that day he was made Monk; on the same, he was made General of his Order; on that also, was he successively created Cardinal, elected Pope, and also Inaugurated. See *Heylyn*, speaking of the Temple of *Jerusalem*.

*Fryday* was observed to be very fortunate to the great and renowned Captain *Gonsalvo*, he having on that day given the *French* many memorable Defeats.

*Saturday* was a Lucky Day to *Hen. VII.* Upon that Day he achieved the Victory upon *Ric. III.* being *August 22.* 1485. On that Day he entered the City, being *Aug. 29.* [Correct *Stow*, who mistakes the Day.] And he himself always acknowledg'd, he had experienced it Fortunate. See *Bacon* in his Life.

*Saturday* also has been very successful to the *Portugals* (as Their Chronicles report.) See *Mr. Sandford* (now *Lancaster-Herald*) his Translation of the History of Their Kings; where he speaks of the Recovery of that Kingdom from the *Spaniards*.

*Thursday* was a Fatal Day to *Henry VIII.* as *Stow*, 812.] and so also to his Posterity. He died on *Thursday, Jan. 28.* King *Edward VI.* on *Thursday, July 6.* Queen *Mary*, on *Thursday, November 17.* Queen *Elizabeth*, on *Thursday, March 24.*

*Saturday*, (or the Jewish Sabbath) was fatal to *Jerusalem Temple*; for on that day 'twas taken by *Pompey, Herod, and Titus*, successively. *Heylyn*.

Hitherto by way of Prologue. And be pleas'd to take notice; As to the Days of the Month, I have taken such care, that all are according to the *Julian* or Old Account, used by us here in *England*.] Pope *Gregory XIII.* brought in his New Stile (used generally beyond Sea) *Anno. 1585.* in *October*, as asserts the *Journal History* before recited.

Now for Epilogue, and Remarkable Reflexion.

Turning over our Annals, I chanced upon a two-fold Circumstance: I will not say, that none else hath observed the same; but I protest, (*Ita me Deus amet, ut verum loquar*)

*loquor*) I do not know of any that have ; and therefore must justly claim to be acquitted from the least suspicion of Plagiarism, or plowing with others Heifers.

The first is, of *William the Conqueror*. The second, of *Edward III.* (I need not say any thing of the Eminency of these two ; every one knows what great things they did.) And making reflection upon the Auspicious Birth-day of His Royal Highness, the Duke of *York*, I adventured upon the following Composure. [I cannot be proud of my Poetry ; but I cannot but be glad of my *BON HEUR*, d' avoir (*en lisant*) tombé si fortuitement sur les evenemens d' un si *BON JOUR*.]

*Ad Illustrissimum & Celsissimum Principem, JACOBUM Ducem EBORACENSEM, de Natali Suo Auspicatissimo, Octobris XIV. Anno MDCXXXIII.*

— Deus  
Anne nefasto te posuit die ?

Hor. li. 2. od. 13.

— The Fates, have they  
Thy Birth design'd on an unlucky Day ?

**O**ctobris Decimo quarto Normannus Haraldum  
Dux superavit, & hinc Regia Sceptra tulit.  
Tertius Edwardus, capto pernice Caeto,  
(Gallica quo Regna sunt resecrata sibi)  
Ire domum tentans, diris turbinibus actus  
In pelago, Vita Magna pericula subit :  
Octobris Decimo quarto, tamen appulit Oras  
Nativas. (His quam prosperus ille dies ?)  
Natali latare tuo, quam Maxime Princeps ;  
Fausa velut sunt hæc, Omina semper habe.

I have, contrary to the use of the Poets, made *bi* in *Turbinibus* long, because the force of Pronunciation lies there ; and as to that Matter, I have fully discoursed in my *Introductio ad Latinam Blasoniam*, p. 144.

**O**ctobers Fourteenth gave the Norman Duke  
That Vict'ry, whence he *England's* Scepter took. *Stow in An. 1066.*  
Third *Edward*, after he had *Calais* won,  
(The Mean whereby he *France* did over-run)  
Returning home, by raging Tempests tost,  
(And neer his Life (so fortunes) to have lost)  
Arrived safe on Shore the self-same Date : *Idem in An. 1347.*  
(This day to them afforded so fair Fate.)  
Great Duke, rejoyce in this Your Day of Birth ;  
And may such Omens still encrease Your Mirth.

These Verses I presented in *Anno 1677.* to a most Honourable Peer of the Land, and of great Place near His Royal Highness.

Since which time, old *Fabian* coming into my hands, from him I got knowledge, that that advantageous Peace, mentioned by *Stow*, *Anno 1360.* (concluded between the forementioned King *Edward III.* and the *French King*) was acted upon the Fourteenth of *October*, with grand Solemnity.

The two former Circumstances must needs fall out Providentially : Whether this last of *Anno 1360.* was designed by *Edward III.* or no, (as remembring his former good hap) may be some question : I am of opinion, not. Where things are under a Mans peculiar Concern, he may fix a time ; but here was the *French King* concerned, equally with the *English*, and many other Great Personages intreressed : To have tied them up to his own Auspicious Conceit of the Day, had been an unkind Oppression, and would have brought the Judgment of so Wise a Prince into question : We may conclude then, 'twas meerly Fortuitous. And therefore to the former Observation concerning this famous *Edward*, give me leave to add ;

*Insuper hoc ipsoq; die (sibi commoda) Grandis  
Rex cum Galligenis, fœdera fecit idem.*

An advantageous Peace, on Day self same,  
This mighty Prince did with the Frenchmen frame.

Dover Castle, was in Antient Time accounted the Key of England, (as testifies *Matth. Paris*) Therefore, when Lewis of France had set footing here, and took some eminent Places, his Father swore, he had not a foots length in England, if he had not that Castle in his possession. *Kilburn's Survey of Kent*, reports, That the fore-said Lewis besieged it from 22. of July, to the 14. of October following; about which time the Siege was raised, and England thereby relieved.

*Sit si tuta Dubris manet Angliæ tota salubris.*  
If Dover be sure,  
All England's secure.

A memorable Peace (foretold by *Nostredamus*) much conducing to the saving of Christian Blood, was made upon the Fourteenth of October, 1557. between Pope Paul the IV. Henry the II. of France, and Phillip the II. of Spain. *Nostredamus* sayes, These Great Princes were frappéz du Ciel, moved from Heaven to make this Peace. See *Garcencier's Comment on Nostredamus*, pag. 76.

A Lucky Day this, not only to the Princes of England; but Auspicious to the Welfare of Europe.

Upon the Third of March last (being the day of St. *Entropius*) His Royal Highness withdrew towards the Low-Countries: *Procopius* tells us, *Humana sæpe contingit a Deo mutari*. *Terence* says, *Vicissitudo omnium rerum est*. Which two Sayings, I can no way better English, than by that of *Eccles.* 9. 11. Time and Chance happens to all men: Nor no way better second, than with that of *I Cor.* 4. 11, *Incertis vagamur sedibus*. This Accident therefore (our Life being but a Pilgrimage, as *Jacob* termed it to *Pharaoh*) is nothing to a General Providence in the main. Therefore from the Augury of His Fourteenth of October, and from the good Omen comprehended in the Signification of *Entropius*, which hints, That all this shall end well, and turn to the best; and from *Eccles.* 14. 14, 15. I accost His Royal Highness with a *Non defraudabitur a die bono*; He shall not lose his Good Day.

*Dixerunt Ibis, pariter dixere Redibis  
Te non infauso Dii posuere die.*

The Gods thy Exit have ordain'd, and also they  
Thy blest Return have firm'd, born on a Lucky Day.

I just now said, That the third of March was dedicated to *Entropius*, which is derived from *eu well*, and *τρεπω* to turn: It is also dedicated to St. *Maximus*, St. *Marinus*, St. *Lucius*; which three also have notable hints in relation to His Royal Highness. First, No man can deny, but that He is *Maximus Princeps*. Secondly, He is *Maximus Marinus*; for in the time of His Exile, He was Admiral of *Aragon*, as I have been told many years since in *Flanders*; and I am sure very many Commissions in those dayes past under His Name: And till 1673. He was Lord High Admiral of England.

*Lucius* comes from *Luci*, which signifies in the Morning; and betokens a Child born in the Morning, or at Sun-rising, (which some affirm to be a good time for Birth:) But I will for my present purpose deduce it a *Luceo*; and I must affirm, *Quod hic maximus Princeps gestis marinis maxime lucet, & alias lucebit*; This most Great Prince is extremely illustrious in Sea Negotiations, and shall yet be otherwise most illustrious.

That his Highness has long since verified the first Paragraph of my Assertion, take it not only on my Credit; but (besides what has been said before) hear part of an Ode to His Sacred Majesty, on His Highness Victory over the Dutch, June 3. 1665. composed by Sir *Thomas Higgon*, a most Worthy Person, whom his Foreign Negotiations have made enough known.

*This day Your Empire Fate secures,  
And now One half of the whole World is Yours.*



The Austrian Youth, who won the day,  
When the pale Crescent to the Cross gave way,  
Must to Your Glorious Brother yield,  
Who with less Loss hath got a greater Field, &c.

The Germans, High and Low, (amongst which last His Highness now resides) call October, *Wyn-maendt* (*Mensis Vindemialis*) the Wine-month.

The Effects of Wine we read Judges 9. 13. Psal. 104. 15. Eccles. 10. 19. Zech. 10. 7. Why then may we not term this Month *Mensis Latificans*? That it may be so to his Royal Highness, as well as it was to the most Great Queen His \* Mother, are the hearty Prayers of BLEW-MANTLE.

\* John  
16. 21.

Virg. lib. 1. ————— *Hac olim memenisse juvabit :*  
*Unanimes omnes, cum Te (Dux Celse) reducto,*  
lib. 1. 7. & 1. *Certatim instaurant epulas, atq; omine magno*  
*Crateres lati statuunt & Vina coronant.*

Remembrance of these things, delight shall Thee,  
When (home return'd) great Feastings thou shalt see,  
And Healthings round, shall stir up gladfom glee;  
And this Rejoycing general shall be.

I have by me a Book Printed Anno 1641. containing the true Effigies of King CHARLES the First, of Blessed Memory, his Queen, with their Royal Progeny, with Verses annext, wherein are notable Predictions of His Royal Highness, which I will here recite:

*This Prince, much like another Sun, darts forth*  
*Most glorious Beams to's Dukedom, and the North;*  
*And makes us see with Eyes of expectation,*  
*He'll be a mighty Pillar to this Nation,*  
*A Stay of State, a strong supporting Prop,*  
*Whose Fame will scale the Height of Honours Top.*  
*He hates dull Idleness, and loves to be*  
*In Action, such as fits His High Degree :*  
*He will be stirring in such Exercise*  
*As well becomes His Tears and Qualities.*  
*Surely th' Eternal Eye of Providence*  
*Doth watch, direct, and guide this Hopeful Prince,*  
*For some Designs may be for Heavens glory,*  
*And fill the Earth with JAMES His Noble Story.*  
*This All True Britains do expect in Love :*  
*No doubt, our Wishes are confirm'd Above.*

Thus that Book: And I add,

*Quis meliora petat, consultus quod Tripos edat ?*

Who Better things than these can wish  
From the Oracles Breath of Blifs?

1678. *Martis Mense data hac, timidi committere pralo*

\* Prov. 6. 19. *Non Impressores audebant (\* tempore duro.)*

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